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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ASKED ABOUT GVISHIANI'S PLANS ON FORECASTING AND RESOURCES DURING AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL SEPTEMBER 10, DEPUTY PREMIER AND SCST CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN DESCRIBED INSTITUTE OF SYSTEMS RESEARCH NEWLY ESTABLISHED WITH GVISHIANI AS DIRECTOR. ACCORDING TO KIRILLIN, INSTITUTE WOULD DO COMPREHENSIVE FORECASTING, MAINLY AS HELPMATE TO GOSPLAN IN WORK ON 1980-1990 TEN-YEAR-PLAN, AND THUS WORK AGAINST DEFECTS OF CURRENT PROLIFERATION OF INSTITUTIONS DOING FORECASTING. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING SEPTEMBER 10 FAREWELL CALL ON DEPUTY PREMIER AND SCST CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN, AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT KOSYGIN SON-IN-LAW (AND SCST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN) GVISHIANI'S IDEAS ON PLANNING, FORECASTING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION.

3. KIRILLIN REPLIED THAT INSTITUTE TO BE CALLED THE INSTITUTE OF SYSTEMS RESEARCH HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUNDED, WITH GVISHIANI AS DIRECTOR. SINCE GVISHIANI IS CURRENTLY IN AUSTRIA AT THE VIENNA-BASED INSTITUTE OF IASA (INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR SYSTEMS ANALYSIS), HE COULD DESCRIBE GVISHIANI'S INSTITUTE. ORIGINALLY,  
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IT WAS TO COMPRISE A SMALL NUMBER OF SPECIALISTS; NOW, WITH HIM

AS DIRECTOR, IT IS LARGER. ITS MAIN TOPICS OF RESEARCH WOULD INVOLVE FORECASTING ON THE SOVIET ECONOMY AND STATE. MUCH HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS FIELD, BUT ALWAYS IN SEPARATE COMPARTMENTS: MEL'NIK'S WORK ON FIELD RESOURCES FORECASTING WAS THE FIRST, FOLLOWED BY FORECASTING OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT; MOST RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN FORECASTING TO THE YEAR 2000. THUS THE SOVIETS HAVE EXPERIMENTED WITH SUCH FORECASTING, BUT ALWAYS ALONG SEPARATE TRACKS. THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT HAS INVOLVED SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS; IT IS NOT YET FINISHED, BUT IS FINISHING.

4. GVISHIANI'S IDEA IS TOTALLY COMPREHENSIVE FORECASTING, EMBRACING ALL FIELDS. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, HE WILL GATHER EXPERTS ON VARIOUS SPECIFIC FIELDS, AND THERE WILL BE SPECIAL SECTIONS IN HIS INSTITUTE. FOR INSTANCE, V.S. YEMEL'YANOV, WHO LIKES GVISHIANI HIMSELF HAD WORKED WITH V.A. TRAPEZNIKOV, WOULD BE WORKING ON MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES. ALL IN ALL, GVISHIANI HAD GATHERED A GOOD "COLLECTIVE", MAINLY BY TRANSFER FROM TRAPEZNIKOV'S INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

5. AMBASSADOR ASKED HOW NEW INSTITUTE'S WORK WOULD BE RELATED TO THAT OF GOSPLAN. KIRILLIN REPLIED HE THOUGHT GOSPLAN WOULD USE ITS WORK. THE 1976-1980 FIVE-YEAR-PLAN IS ALMOST COMPLETED, AND SHOULD BE APPROVED, IF PERHAPS WITH SMALL CHANGES, AT THE OCTOBER SESSION OF THE SUPREME SOVIET. THEREAFTER, GOSPLAN WOULD WORK ON A LONG-TERM PLAN TO 1990. IN RESPON TO A QUESTION, KIRILLIN SAID THE EARLIER 15-YEAR PLAN TO 1990 HAD NOW SHRUNK TO A 10-YEAR PLAN, SINCE THE 10TH FYP WOULD GO TO 1980. GVISHIANI'S INSTITUTE SHOULD HELP GOSPLAN IN THIS TASK.

6. KIRILLIN'S DEPARTMENT HEAD, YASTREBOV (WHO REPORTS TO HIM THROUGH DEPUTY GVISHIANI) SPECIFIED CAREFULLY THAT GVISHIANI WOULD BE WORKING ON PROBLEMS STRICTLY WITHIN THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK, WHILE THE VIENNA IASA INSTITUTE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON GLOBAL PROBLEMS. KIRILLIN ADDED THAT ONE DIFFICULTY IS THAT UP TO NOW THE

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SOVIETS HAVE HAD MORE THAN 100 INSTITUTIONS DOING FORECASTING.  
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